

BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 16th – 5:30 P.M.

President Troy Tenneson called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present: Troy Tenneson, David Thompson, Sarah Staff, Michele Steien, Jeff Stalheim, and Blaine Koxlien. Absent: Perry Kujak. Also present: Jeff Eide, Dana Eide, Lynn Halverson, Katie Belitz, Jenny Semb, Laura Shefelbine, Sarah Waverly, Justin Beaman, and Jay Oldendorf. Meeting also live-streamed on Wildcat TV.

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Mission Statement: "To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens" read aloud.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by J. Stalheim to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no public comment at this time.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by M. Steien, to approve minutes of the July, 2021 regular and closed. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by M. Steien to approve bills for the month of July 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson to approve a financial statement for the month of July 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent -Jeff Eide. The WASB Regional fall meeting will be October 21st. Mr. Eide asked all board members who would like to attend should let him or Crystal know. Jeff updated the board about our building project. Asphalt should be done tonight. The Childcare center is a little ahead of schedule. The 6th grade classrooms, business ed room, nurses office, and 4k door are complete. The multi purpose field is sewn up and the rubber pellets and sand will be done by the end of the week.

Elementary Principal - Lynn Halverson - In person orientation will be August 24th. It is a huge positive having the online registration This saves time and a lot of paper. We will be collecting milk money, school supply fee and tech fees during orientation. The new asphalt looks amazing. K-2 playground will be started August 21st. At the elementary level we formed a new social/emotional committee. This group will learn how to meet and support students the best we can. During our inservice on September 27th, we will be having an all day presentation with Nicole Milliren.

Middle/High School Principal - Dana Eide - It was great to have teachers back in the building today. We have had many group meetings already discussing things like homecoming.

Wednesday we will have our all day PLC conference for our four school co-op. A presenter from Solution Tree will be meeting with our new staff, admin team and then the whole PLC group. Our coop curriculum directors and principals are meeting to plan to show how we intend to make this coop work. .

Special Education Director - Katie Belitz - We have been meeting with Peace of Mind counselors to get a plan to offer counseling within the school again this year. Looking to have the ability for teachers to also meet with the counselors especially if there is a care plan put in place for a student.

Discussion:

Mr. Eide presented the District opening plan. As at this time, wearing masks for all students and staff will be optional unless advised otherwise by the county health department. Our close contacts are determined ourselves with the help of our school nurse, Jenny Semb. We will continue to provide information for vaccines. As of right now this is our plan, however, it may change. Mr. Eide reviews the number of positive Covid cases for Trempealeau and Jackson county weekly if not daily. The Dairyland conference voted any athlete testing positive for covid will need to quarantine for 14 days.

The meeting has opened for public comment regarding the opening plan Mr. Eide presented. We had three parents with children who currently attend our district voice their questions and concerns.

Additional Discussion:

Mr. Eide presented a "Field of Dreams Program". This is a company that will print a black field fence covering where the local businesses can donate or advertise for three years with a 6x6 square. At that time the business can either terminate their sponsorship or change their logo, or renew at that time. Mr. Eide asks the board if the board would like more information. The board would like to look into how many sponsors we can get prior to deciding to move forward or not.

Mrs. Eide presented a few changes to the MS/HS student handbook. Attendance change- a parent can excuse a student's absence up to 10 days or the student will need a doctor or counselor notes. Otherwise the Truancy process will begin. Changing the wording from semesters to trimesters in the graduation requirements. Lockers - lockers were not used last year due to covid. This year we plan to use lockers unless recommended otherwise. Backpacks will then need to stay in those lockers. We are going back to the see through water bottles. There were a few issues last year with the stainless steel bottles. No personal electronics will be allowed. Cell phones will need to stay out of sight.

Action Items:

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson, with a second by J. Stalheim, to approve - Graduation Policy 5460 Approve (First Reading). Motion carried.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by S. Staff,, to approve - 66.030 with G-E-T for Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by D. Thompson , with a second by S. Staff, to approve - 66.030 with Holmen for Project Bridge. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by J. Stalheim, with a second by S. Staff, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Litigation (Juul) Against Manufactures, distributors of electronic cigarettes and vaping products. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by D. Thompson, to move to closed session in accordance with State Statute 19.85(1)(c) teacher handbook and support staff handbook approval. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Steien, with a second by D. Thompson, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by J.Stalheim, to approve the teacher and support staff handbooks. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by S. Staff, with a second by B. Koxlien, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Thompson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David Thompson, Clerk

